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The Honorable Nathan Deal U.S. House of Representatives 9th Congressional District 2133 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515-1009

Dear Congressman Deal:

The Georgia Department of Transportation supports High Priority Project funding for improving the intersection of SR 141/Bethelview Road at SR 9/Atlanta Highway with widening and turn lanes. SR 141 is a major regional corridor for Forsyth County and this subregion of the state. As such, completion will improve mobility, increase safety, and promote economic development and environmental quality. Public participation in the development of this project has occurred and will continue as part of the environmental assessment process and through the TIP development process.

The requested High Priority Project funding, along with formula federal funds committed and programmed by the Georgia Department of Transportation in its proposed STIP, will provide the entire 80 percent federal share of the project cost.

Sincerely,

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Director of Planning and Transportation Data

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cc: Honorable Steve Farrow, State Transportation Board Member, Congressional District 9
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